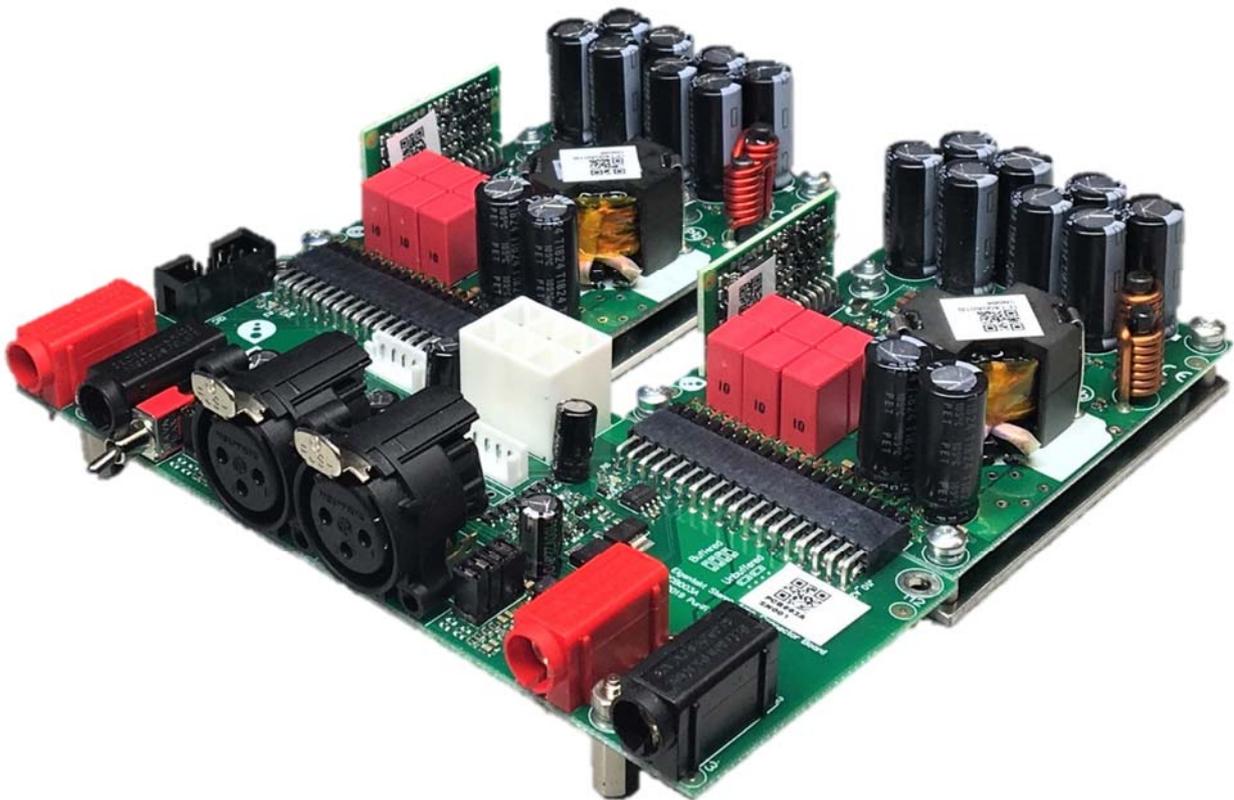




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1 Introduction

This document describes the operation, function and usage of the EVAL1 evaluation kit (“EVM”) consisting of two 1ET400A amplifier modules and one FE02A stereo front-end module.

1.1 Usage and Purpose

The EVM is provided for engineering evaluation and laboratory test purposes only. Great care should be taken when handling the EVM, especially when connected to power supplies and loads. Observe the voltage and power ratings and apply suitable precautions to protect the operator from electrical hazards.

Also note that the EVM is provided as an unshielded PCB assembly and should be protected from ESD as well as mechanical stress.

1.1.1 Setup and operation

1. Plug 1ET400A modules into the Front-End Board (FE02A)
2. Place EVM on a flat surface Note that the amplifier base plates are connected to GND and should be attached to an external heatsink, e.g., a larger aluminum plate, for extended high power testing.
3. Connect external laboratory supplies (or other suitable PSU’s) to FE02A (refer to section 4)
4. Connect audio inputs and speakers (or other suitable loads/test equipment)
5. Enable operation via toggle-switch on FE02A
Two red LED’s will light up when all supply voltages are within operational range.
6. It is recommended to disable operation (toggle-switch) and turn off all power supplies when module is not in use

1.1.2 Power Testing

The amplifier modules are protected from overheat via individual thermal protection systems that monitor the temperature of the aluminium base plates. The aluminium plates provide limited cooling, likely adequate for full-power music as well as typical test sweeps etc., However, for continues high power delivery additional cooling is required.

2 EVAL1 Overview

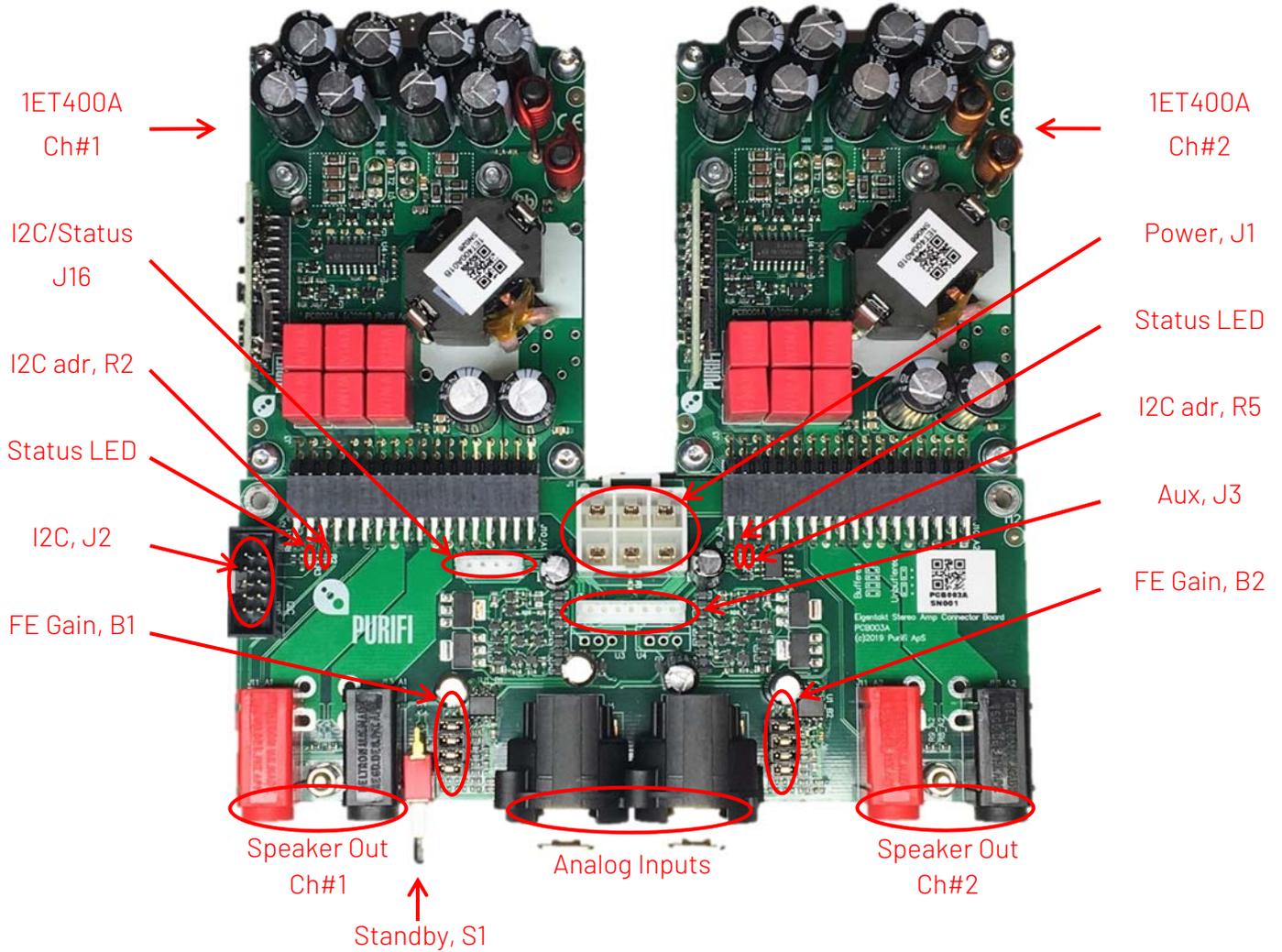


Figure 1 EVAL1 Overview

3 Interface

3.1 Standby switch, S1

Position	Description
UP	Operational – Power stage is on
DOWN	Standby, Power stage is off

Table 1 Standby switch, S1

3.2 Power connector, J1



Pin	Signal	Rating	I/O	Description
1	VDR		P	Gate Drive Supply, referenced to -VP
2	+VP		P	Power Stage Supply, positive rail
3,6	GND		-	Ground
4,5	-VP		P	Power Stage Supply, negative rail

Table 2 Power connector, J1

Connector type equivalent: JST: B06P-VL.

Matching cable part: JST: VLP-06V.

3.3 I2C connector, J2 (for e.g., Aardvark)



Pin	Signal	Rating	I/O	Description
1	SCL		I	I2C clock (SW Mode)
2	GND		-	Ground
3	SDA		I	I2C Data (SW Mode)
10	GND		-	Ground
4,5,6, 7,8,9	NC		-	Not connected

Table 3 I2C connector, J2 (for e.g., Aardvark)

Note: J2 is per default not mounted

3.4 Aux connector, J3



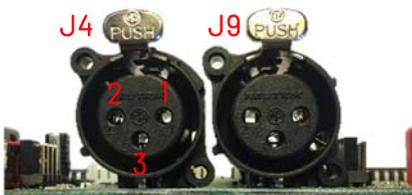
Pin	Signal	Rating	I/O	Description
1	PSUDIS /AMPON		0	PSU off control signal (SW Mode), or Amplifier Disable (HW Mode) – <i>pull low to enable Amp</i>
2	SDA READY		I 0	I2C Data (SW Mode), or Amplifier Ready (HW Mode) – “all good for operation” when high
3	SCL /FATAL		I 0	I2C clock (SW Mode), or Amplifier “error/fail” (HW Mode) – <i>signal goes low on error</i>
4	+5V		P	5V output (from onboard regulator), 20mA max load. Requires R1 mounted
5	+VUNREG		P	Voltage regulator input, positive rail
6	GND		-	Ground
7	-VUNREG		P	Voltage regulator input, negative rail

Table 4 Aux connector, J3

Connector type: JST: B7B-EH-A(LF)(SN).

Matching cable part: JST: EHR-7.

3.5 Analog input XLR connectors, J4 & J9

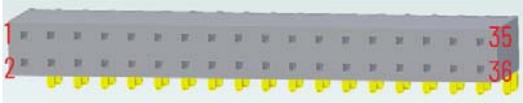


Pin	Signal	Rating	I/O	Description
1	GND		-	Ground
2	IN+		I	Analog input, positive
3	IN-		I	Analog input, negative

Table 5 Analog input XLR connectors, J4 & J9

If a single ended input is need then connect GND and IN- to the negative analog input.

3.6 Edge connectors, J10_A1 & J10_A2



Pin	Signal	Rating	I/O	Description
Power Supplies				
1, 2	+VP		P	Power Stage Supply, positive rail
3,4,5 6,7,8	GND		-	Ground
9,10	-VP		P	Power Stage Supply, negative rail
11	VDR		P	Gate Drive Supply, referenced to -VP
12	VD		P	(option use) External Voltage supply to on-board 3.3V regulator
26	+VOP		P	OPAMPs, positive rail
25	-VOP		P	OPAMPs, negative rail
27	GND		-	Ground
I/O's				
13,14,15, 16,18	OUT-		O	Speaker Output, negative (internally connected to GND)
17	VFBLF-		I	Feedback sense input, negative
19	VFBLF+		I	Feedback sense input, positive
20,21,22, 23,24	OUT+		O	Speaker Output, positive
28,33,34	NC		-	Not connected
29	IN+		I	Analog Input, positive
30	IN-		I	Analog Input, negative
31	HS/ADDR		I	Mode/I2C Address Selection; set by one 1% resistor.
32	PSUDIS /AMPON		O I	PSU off control signal (SW Mode), or Amplifier Disable (HW Mode) – <i>pull low to enable Amp</i>
35	SDA READY		I O	I2C Data (SW Mode), or Amplifier Ready (HW Mode) – “all good for operation” when high
36	SCL /FATAL		I O	I2C clock (SW Mode), or Amplifier “error/fail” (HW Mode) – <i>signal goes low on error</i>

Table 6 Edge Connector, J10_A1 & J10_A2

3.7 Speaker output connectors, J11 & J13

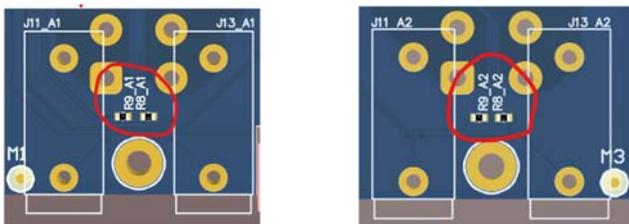


Pin	Signal	Rating	I/O	Description
J11_A1	OUT+		0	Speaker output, positive - Channel 1
J13_A1	OUT-		0	Speaker output, negative - Channel 1
J11_A2	OUT+		0	Speaker output, positive - Channel 2
J13_A2	OUT-		0	Speaker output, negative - Channel 2

Table 7 Speaker output connectors, J11 & J13

Note:

The 1ET400A02B module senses directly at the speaker connector (VFBLF-, VFBLF+) to get lowest possible output impedance, so if the connectors J11 & J13 are removed remember to install 0R 0603 resistors at position R8_A1, R9_A1 & R8_A2, R9_A2



3.8 I2C/Status connector, J16



Pin	Signal	Rating	I/O	Description
1	+5V		P	5V output (from onboard regulator), 20mA max load. Requires R1 mounted
2	SCL /FATAL	0 - 3,3V	I 0	I2C clock (SW Mode), or Amplifier "error/fail" (HW Mode) - signal goes low on error
3	SDA READY	0 - 3,3V	I 0	I2C Data (SW Mode), or Amplifier Ready (HW Mode) - "all good for operation" when high
4	GND		-	Ground

Table 8 I2C/Status connector, J16

Note: J16 is per default not mounted

3.9 Gain/Bypass jumpers, B1 & B2

FE02A includes a ~13dB pre-gain stage for a total EVM gain of ~26dB. The pre-gain stage can be bypassed by location of two sets of jumpers:

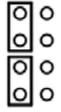
Description	Pre-gain enabled	Pre-gain bypassed
Front-End gain	~14dB	0dB
Total EVM gain	~27dB	~13dB
Jumper setting		

Table 9 Gain/Bypass jumpers, B1 & B2

The pre-gain stage is made with a dual OPA1612 configured as Balanced/single-ended to balanced gain stage as shown below:

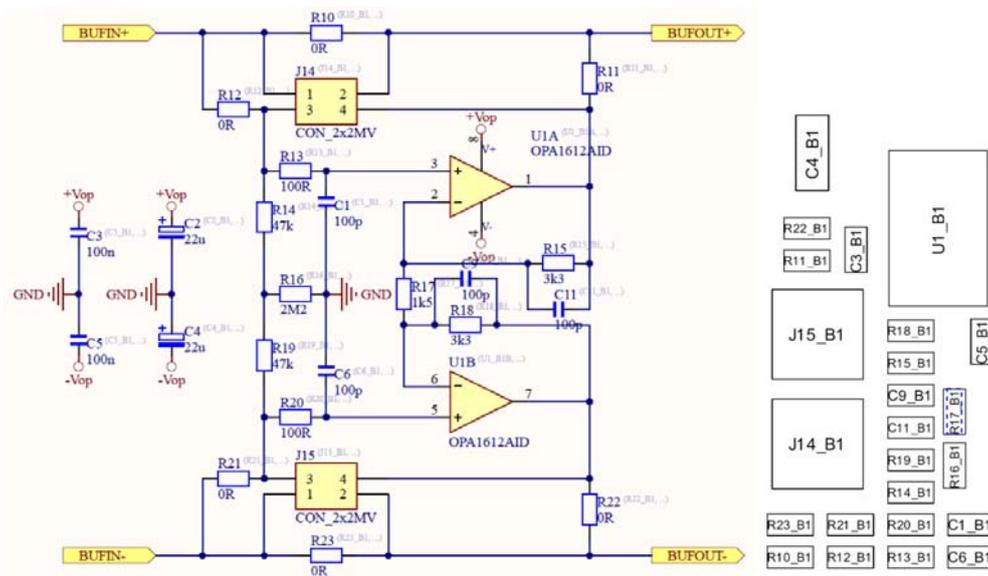


Figure 2 Buffer Schematic

The 0R resistors: R10, R11, R12, R21, R22, R23 are not mounted per default

The gain stage can be enabled/by-passed with the help of pin headed J14/J15 and jumpers as shown in table 8.

If a fixed setting is needed the 0R resistors can be used as follows:

Description	Pre-gain enabled	Pre-gain bypassed
Front-End gain	~14dB	0dB
Total EVM gain	~27dB	~13dB
Resistors mounted	R11, R12, R21, R22	R10, R23
Resistors NOT mounted	R10, R23	R11, R12, R21, R22

Table 10 Gain/Bypass resistors, B1 & B2

If a different gain is needed resistor R17 can be modified.

$$\text{Gain} = 1 + (R15 + R18) / R17 = 1 + (3.3K + 3.3k) / 1.5K = 5.4 = 14.6\text{dB}$$

4 Power Supplies

Refer to below figure showing required power supplies and how to connect these to FE02A:

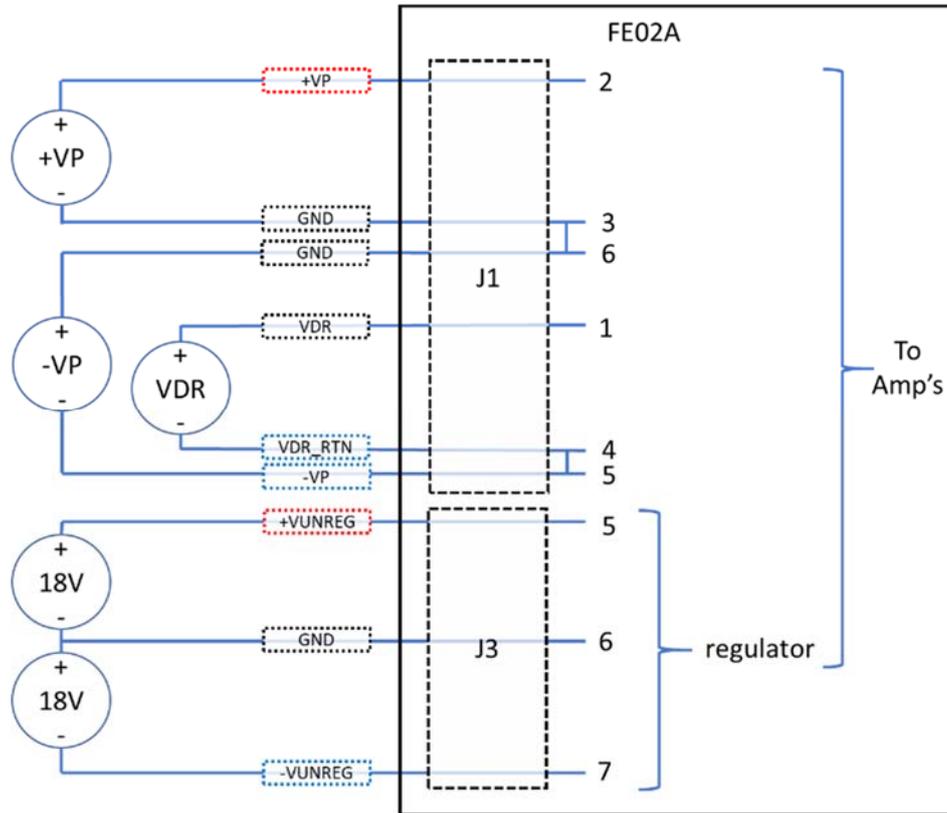


Figure 3 Power Supplies

All supplies levels should be crosschecked with the Recommended Operation Conditions as specified in the respective amplifier module data sheet.

Recommended supply voltages for EVAL1 (please also refer to the 1ET400A Data Sheet):

Parameter		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Power Supplies					
+VP	Power Stage, positive rail voltage	25	65	70	V
-VP	Power Stage, negative rail voltage	-70	-65	-25	V
VDR	Gate Drive, voltage (must be referenced to -VP)	13.6	15	16.5	V
+VUNREG	OPAMPs, positive rail voltage	16.4	18	25	V
-VUNREG	OPAMPs, negative rail voltage	-25	-18	-16.4	V

Table 11 Recommended Supply Voltages

4.1 Linear Regulators

FE02A includes two low noise discrete voltage regulators for the OPAMP’s negative and positive supply voltages, +Vop & -Vop and a 5V regulator for the standby regulator, +VSBY. Schematic is shown here below:

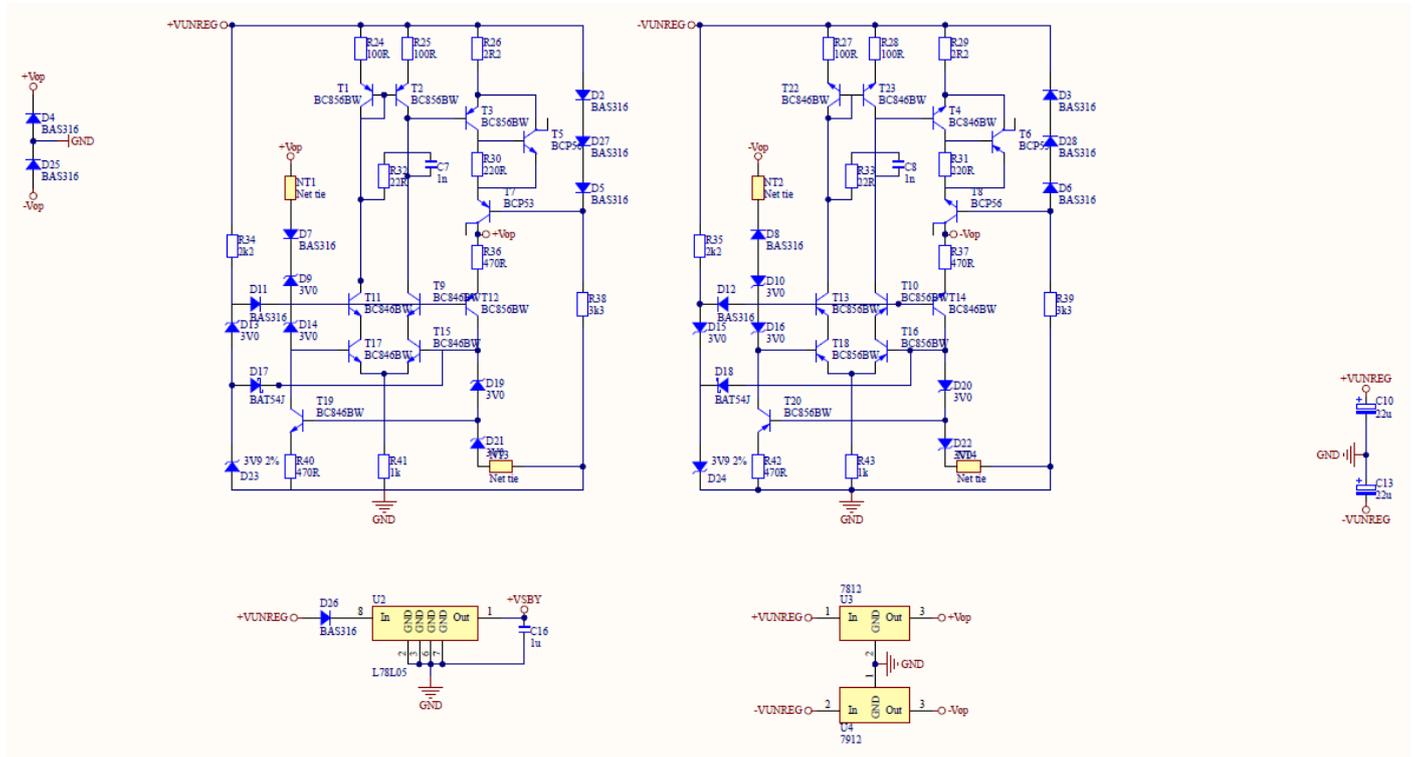


Figure 4 Linear Regulator Schematic

Note: U3 & U4 are not mounted

5 Operating Modes & Status Reporting

5.1 Mode Configuration

The EVAL1 can operate in two modes:

1. HW Mode: all control and status via pins (HW interface) – DEFAULT CONFIGUTATION
2. SW Mode: enables control and status via I2C interface

FE02A is configured for HW Mode by default. To reconfigure for SW Mode, at bit of soldering is required, see Table 12 and Figure 5:

FP	Channel	Description	HW Mode	SW Mode
R6_A1	1	Mode Selection	open	0Ω shunt
R6_A2	2			
R2	1	I2C Address Selection	open	Refer to data sheet
R5	2			

Table 12 Mode Selection

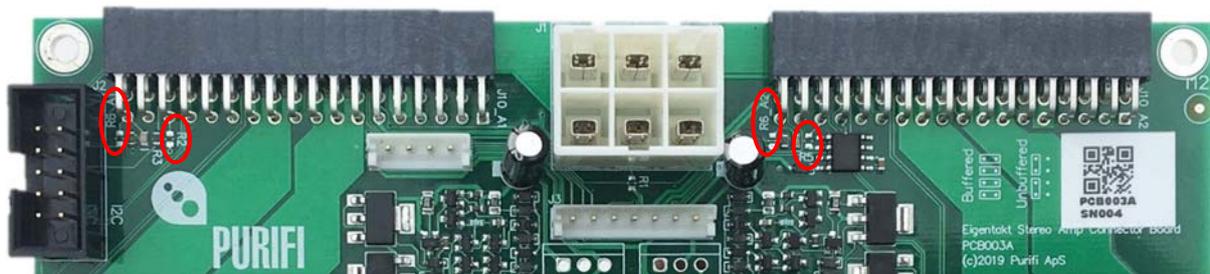


Figure 5 Mode Selection via R2 & R5

5.2 HW Mode

The amplifier modules are controlled via toggle switch S1 connected to amplifier control signal /AMPON. /AMPON is also made available on connectors J3 and can be controlled via external source once shunt R3 has been removed.

Amplifier status is signaled via READY and /FATAL:

READY signals are connected to individual LED’s on FE02A. LED’s are located close to pin 1 of the amplifier edge connectors. READY is also

/FATAL signals are wire or’ed together on FE02A and pinned out on connectors: J2, J3 and J16.

5.3 SW Model

The main feature of the SW Mode is access via I2C to status and control information. The I2C register map can be found in the amplifier data sheet.

I2C is accessed via SCL, SDA on connectors J2, J3 and J16.

The I2C address can be programmed via value of resistors R2 and R5 on FE02A. Refer to the **Mode Selection via HS/ADR** table in the amplifier data sheet for information on resistor value vs. I2C address.

6 Mechanical Specifications & System Considerations

6.1 EVAL1 Dimensions

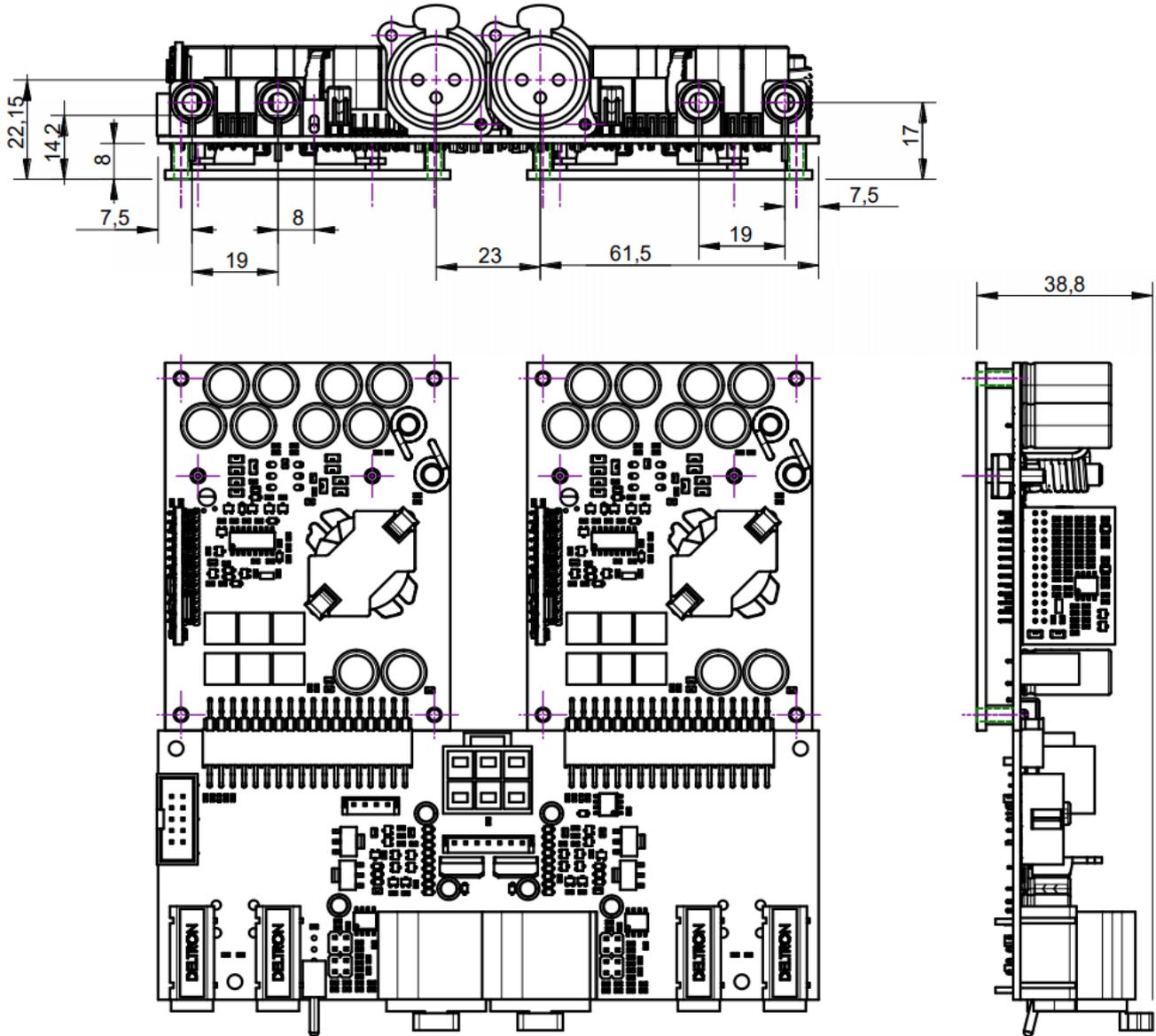


Figure 6 Dimensions

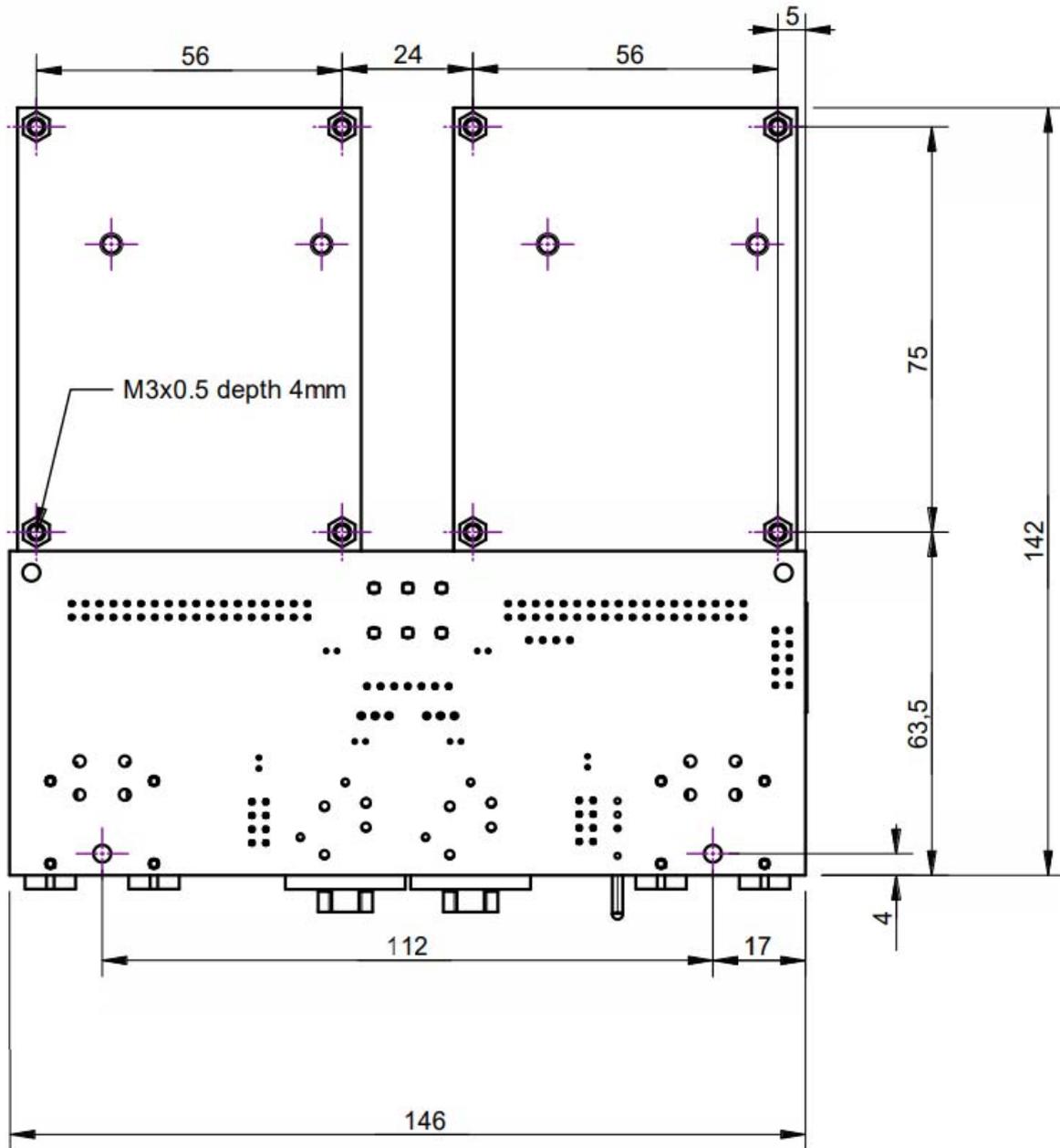


Figure 7 Bottom-side mounting holes

6.2 Thermal Requirements

While 1ET400A has very low idle losses and high overall efficiency, adequate cooling is essential for sustained power delivery. Careful considerations must be given to design of the thermal system in order to achieve desired output power specifications.

It is recommended to mount the module on a heatsink, e.g., an adequately design aluminum chassis.

6.3 Mechanical Requirements

Related to mechanical robustness of the end application: it is the reasonability of the system integrator to specify process, materials, locations, etc. for e.g., gluing of critical components which may be required and to prove/document short- and long-term performance and reliability. The system integrator must ensure integrity of mounting method and materials used related to fixation of the module. It is recommended to thoroughly test the final product for robustness against, e.g., shock and vibration.

6.4 Compliance Testing

1ET400A is designed with considerations for compliance of the end application. However, it is the responsibility of the system integrator to ensure any form of design-for-compliance and associated testing/certification which may be required. EVAL1 mounted in an adequate metal box has been tested to pass the EMI requirements.

7 Revision History

Rev	Date	Description	ID
(0.92)	2019-05	Pre-release version (preliminary)	CNN
(1.00)	2019-10	Release version	CNN
(1.10)	2020-01	Added J10 pinout & schematic details	KNM
(1.20)	2020-01	Corrected gain equation in section 3.9, set +/-Vunreg max to 25V	KNM

Table 13 Revision History

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